# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:20
ANSWERED ON:05.07.2004
SWAMINATHAN COMMITTEE REPORT
Panda Shri Prabodh

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Swaminathan Committee has submitted the report on National Policy for Agri-Biotechnology to the Government;

(b) if so, the main features of the report;

(c) whether the Government has accepted all the recommendations of the Committee; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

## Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.20 DUE FOR REPLY ON 5.7.2004.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The main features of the report inter-alia, include recommendations providing directions to research and development, application of biotechnology in agriculture, animal husbandry and fishery sector, capacity building in biotechnology, conservation and protection of centres of genetic diversity, promotion of organic farming zones, creation of bio-technology parks in each State, streamlining of regulatory/approval mechanism with a view to expedite the process of evaluation and release of products, liability and compensation, setting of National Biotechnology Regulatory Authority and promoting public awareness on matters relating to biotechnology.

(c) & (d): The Inter-ministerial consultations on the recommendations of the Task Force are on at present.